

# Kiwanis

**March 08, 2016**

**Tecumseh, Michigan, U.S.A.**

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## Today's Meeting News

### • Hosts

- **Greeters**
  - Mel Stubli and JoAnne Potvin



■ Greeter JoAnne Potvin

- **Presiding Officer**
  - Mike McAran
- **Reporter**
  - Chuck Gehrke
- **Photographer**
  - Spencer Ruffner
- **Publisher**
  - Spencer Ruffner
  - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
  - Ron Publiski

- **Song Leader**

- Carlton Cook with Dan Meikle at the piano

- **President Announcements**



- **President Mike McAran**



Mike McAran introduced our speaker from Hospice of Lenawee Susan Turner

**A banquet celebrating our 60th anniversary will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lenawee Country Club or the American Legion. Mark your calendars!!! More information will be forthcoming.**

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- **April 30 there is a Spring Divisional in Battle Creek.**

- **Announcements**





Spencer Ruffner announced the Chamber of Commerce member of the week: Celebrate Recovery -Donna Yearsin.



Beth Noden announced and circulated a sign-up for a Fellowship evening on March 23 at 6pm at Salsarias in Tecumseh.





Brian Callaghan announced that Business cards for The Flag Project are available for members to distribute in the community.

### Highlights of Kiwanis Own:



○ **Ron Wimple**

Has been a member of Kiwanis for 12 years and is a lifelong resident of the area graduation from Tecumseh High School in 1971. He met his wife Sharon, who is from Chicago, on an Overlander trip to Florida.

He thinks he is the Wacker Chemical employee with the longest Union leave of absence, which is 32 years.

He and Sharon have 3 children a son who lives in Indiana, a daughter who lives in Germany and a daughter who lives in Kentucky. They also have 3 granddaughters.

Ron worked at Wacker for 13 years and with the State of Michigan HRDI – working with dislocated workers for more than 30 years. He is active in the community having been involved as Lenawee Economic Council member, with the Economic Development, United Way and as a City Councilman for 12 years. He considers it a privilege to be a member of Kiwanis.

He feels that Tecumseh offers unique opportunities and is currently on retirement (sort of) although he is too young for Social Security.

○ Next Week: Spencer Ruffner



## • 50/50 Drawing

\$25.00 #38 Beth Noden but she wasn't in the pot. Thanks Beth

## • Fine Session



Mike Becker "Because today is election day, we were quizzed with Circus and clown trivia"

Ringling Brothers Circus began in 1884. Starting with 5 brothers in 2 years included 7 brothers.

Circus means "to have fun".

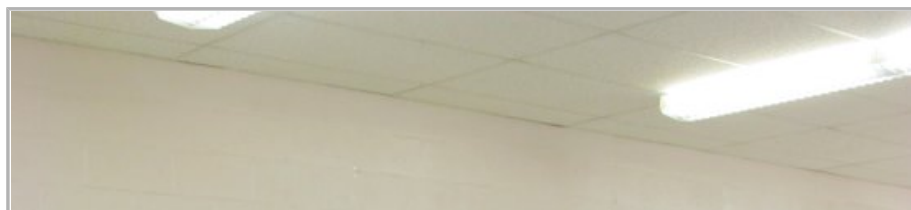
On July 6, 1944 there was a fire in the circus tent in Hartford Connecticut and 164 died.

Indian Elephants are used by the circus. What is the difference between Indian and African elephants? Indian Elephants have bigger ears and 4 toes while African elephants have 5 toes.

What does PT stand for in PT Barnum? Answer: Phineas Taylor

The oldest clown dates back to 2500 BC and was a pygmy from Egypt. The Clown College was started in 1968. Larry Harman was Bozo the clown, Buttons the clown was in the Greatest Show on Earth and Clarabill was on Howdy Doody. A clown face painted blue is considered unlucky.

## Special Fines and Happy Dollars





Kelli Coffin – pool mileage vote is today, you can ask for a ballot to just vote for the mileage and not the primary.

Spencer Ruffner – Robotics Challenge in Waterford the Tecumseh team made it to the quarter finals and it was the hardest fun he has ever had.



Ron Publiski – for the fish fry at the Legion where the Handler staff served 160 fish dinners and to the best of his knowledge, no one got sick.





Dan Meikle – Our brain never ages and members were reminded of upcoming services for Ruth Crosby.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Meikle, today, we sang real quiet as requested.

## • Program



Ron Wimple introduced Susan Turner and Anne Sherman, Education Specialist with Hospice of Lenawee.





**Susan Turner**



**Anne Sherman**

Anne and Susan shared information regarding the Advance Care Directive "Five Wishes". Now is the time to have the conversation. It is important! We all should have the conversation with our family. A directive is a gift to your family. We should share what our end of life wishes are – many topics are in need of discussion to make it easier on those who have to make the decisions when the time comes. A person should have 3 advocates. Directives are appropriate for anyone over 18.

You should talk about what you (patient) want done.

Anne shared how she recently had the discussion with her mother. They talked about dying and aging and what her mom's wishes are.

After completing the Five Wishes, have it signed and witnessed and make copies to share with physician, hospital etc.

When choosing an advocate you need to consider how it will affect the person you choose. Some can handle it and some can not. You should be conscious of that when making your choices.

What should be kept in mind when actng as a caregiver?

What end of life decisions and interventions should be done and/or avoided?

Avoid waiting and then having to make decisions in a crisis.

Vesta program will be April 15 and 16 at 8pm at Francoeur Theater, Siena Heights University. Hospice of Lenawee and Theatre Siena are pleased to bring you this student



led production of Vesta, a sometimes humorous and often touching play that explores the emotions and decisions a family must face through the end of a grandmother's life. A discussion with actors and Hospice of Lenawee team members will immediately follow the show. Presented in association with Hospice Foundation of America. It is sponsored by Old National Bank.

Next week's program will be What is Happening with your Community Service and Young Children Priority One Committees.

## • Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeter	Greeter	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
<b>March 15</b>		Susan Gilmore		Chuck Gehrke			Wendy & Lana
<b>March 22</b>		Jody Howard		Wendy Brys			
<b>March 29</b>	Julie LoMonaca			JoAnne Potvin			Tecumseh Schools. Community Day



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